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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the "SFPP East Line Expansion Project, El Paso to Phoenix." Approval of the SFPP East Line Expansion Project would allow installation of approximately 167 miles of 16-inch diameter pipeline, 66 miles of 12-inch diameter pipeline adjacent to existing 8- and 12-inch diameter pipelines. The pipeline project would also include construction of a new 30-acre breakout facility in Texas, and upgrading of four existing pump stations.

The EA addresses two alternatives, the Proposed Action Alternative, and the No Action Alternative. The alternatives are based on public scoping responses and the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) management needs.

The supporting EA is available for a 30-day public review and comment period. Please direct your written comments to the Field Manager, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Comments must be postmarked no later than April 29, 2005. After consideration of public comments, the BLM will determine if there is a need to revise the EA. The BLM will also prepare, if appropriate, a formal FONSI/Decision Record.

If you have any questions regarding the organization or content of the document, please contact Lorraine Salas, Project Lead at (505) 525-4388 or by email at lsalas@nm.blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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